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REMARKS

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1. On 4 October, Camp Schweinrich was vacated except for a rear unit of 50 to 70 soldiers. The troops left for maneuvers at the end of September. The saw frame on the training grounds was operated by Soviet soldiers and was to be in operation throughout the winter. Boards were sawn [redacted] were to be used for the construction of barracks.⁴

2. On 5 October 1952, a column of about 25 trucks occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and billeting equipment drove in the direction of Beeskow from Lieberose. [redacted]

3. On 8 October, 3 M-13 rocket launchers stood in front of the quarters of Unit Chesnokov in Schoenwalde. Lieutenant Colonel Chesnokov (fmu) was seen talking to another officer. The fact that Unit Tulenov in Schoenwalde consumed almost five times as much electric current in September as it had previously consumed indicated the return of the troops.⁵

4. On 11 October, a column of about 10 trucks loaded with billeting equipment [redacted] moving through Brandenburg in the direction of Potsdam.⁴

5. On 13 October, no troops were observed in the area of Freimnitz, Moeglin, Koller, Knoblauch and Bahmitz. The troops had allegedly departed via Rathenow on 10 October. No observations indicative of field exercises were made in the area of Rathenow, Nienow, Neustadt/Dosse, Lusterhausen, Kyritz, Wittstock and Fritzwalde on 14 October.⁶

6. On 18 October, the Gucke Kaserne and the Flak Kaserne in Magdeburg were occupied to capacity. The Hindenburg Kaserne was about one third occupied, the Siedlung Kaserne quartered 50 to 60 soldiers, and the Inger Kaserne and Herrenkrug Kaserne quartered only rear details. From 150 to 200 troops arrived at the Nachrichten Kaserne.⁹ At 2 p.m. on 12 October, a shipment of 26 JS-3 tanks, 8 JS-2 tanks, 4 tracs, 25 to 30 trucks and 8 boxcarloads of soldiers passed through Magdeburg in the direction of Ottersleben. [redacted]

At 2 p.m. on 18 October, a shipment of 8 JS-3 tanks, 24 trucks, 12 x 76.2-mm. guns, 8 12 guns of a larger caliber and covered with canvas and 6 boxcarloads of soldiers were seen on the Rothensee railroad line driving toward Magdeburg. [redacted]

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Comment 1. The departure for fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army of elements of the 18th Gds Mecz Div and the vacation of the ~~troop training grounds~~ until 5 October 1952 was previously reported

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The column mentioned in the present report possibly hauled bulletting equipment of the 168th Mort Regt to Beeskow.

Comment 3. The information confirms the 90th RL Regt [] of the Second Mecz Army and its commanding officer Lieutenant Colonel Chernov - known from previous reports - as being in Schoenwalde until 4 October. Lieutenant Colonel Tyulenov (fnu) is known as accountant of a unit of the 21st AAA Div at Schouenwalde airfield.

Comment 4. [] the column belongs to the Third Shock Army and the vehicles probably were those of the 34th Arty Div elements which transferred from Altenerahow to Potsdam in three shipments on 10 and 11 October 1952.

Comment 5. Field exercises of elements of the Second Gds Mecz Army and the Fourth Gds Mecz Army were held in the areas mentioned at the end of September and the beginning of October 1952.

Comment 6. The occupation of the Encke Kaserne and the Flak Kaserne confirms previous reports. The occupation of the other barracks installations tends to indicate that the elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div were not back from the ~~troop training grounds~~ by 18 October, though, according to another report [] tanks of the division had presumably been unloaded in Magdeburg. Preparations for the quartering of troops were made in the Hindenburg Kaserne on 8 October.

Comment 7. The west-bound shipment through Magdeburg cannot be interpreted. The train on 18 October possibly carried elements of the 19th Gds Mecz Div that moved from the Letzling Heath to Magdeburg. See [] Comment 6. The guns referred to as AA guns were presumably AT guns.

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